## SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 11, 2006

Michael E. Harper, 55, of 607 West Quincy Road, Seneca, South Carolina, was arrested by SLED agents on Friday, August 11, 2006, and charged with one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 1st Degree; one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree; and two (2) counts of Lewd Act upon a Minor.

Harper was arrested on Friday afternoon at approximately 12:00 p.m. and was booked at the Oconee County Detention Center. At the time of the alleged offenses, Harper was a member of the Oconee County Council.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the Seneca Police Department. The case will be prosecuted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

\* Warrants Attached.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  County/ Municipality of  CONEE COUNTY	

## THE STATE

against

HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE
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CENECA CC 20679
Phone: SSN:
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5 10 "Weight: 175
DL State: SC DL#:
DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#:
Prosecuting Agency:
Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER
Offense: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR
Offense Code: 2468
Code/Ordinance Sec. 16~15~140
County/ Municipality of Placeurs The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to law
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Signature of Judge
Date: 08-11-06
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## RETURN WARRANT TO:

OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 0. L. E. C.

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County/ Municipality of OCONEE COUNTY	being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant FARFER, MICHAEL BALL did within this county and state on 04/27/88-04/26/91 violate the criminal laws of State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ Municipality of 000 EE	the)
THE STATE	in the following particulars:	
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR  16-15-140 LEWD ACT A CHILD UNDER 16	
HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD SENECA, SC 29678 Phone: SSN: Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'10"Weight: 175 DL State: SC DL#: DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#: Prosecuting Agency: Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER Diffense: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR Offense Code: 2468 Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-15-140	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did continuous to the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:  BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 27,1988 AND APRIL 26,1991 MICHAEL EARLE HARPER A NOW 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY COMMIT LEWD ACTS UPON A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN. THE DEFENDANT DID IN THIS TIMEFRAME, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS COMMIT A LEWD ACT UPON A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN WITH THE INTENT TO AROUSE, APPEAL TO AND GRATIFY HIS SEXUAL DESIRES. THE DEFENDANT LIVED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM AND COMMITTED LEWD ACTS UPON THE VICTIM AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE LOCATEED AT 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD, SENECA, SC THIS BEING A VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS.	N .
This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) Affiant's Address S.L.E.D./ 301 E N STREET  GREENVILLE, SC 29601	
County/ Municipality of PICKENS . The accused	X County/ Municipality of ) Affiant's Telephone 864 467-8111 000-000	00
s to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to law.  (L.S.)	ARREST WARRANT  TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:  It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe	that
Signature of Judgé  Date: D8-11-06	on @4/27/88-@4/25/91 defendant HARPER MICHAEL EARLE did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of	
	County/ Municipality of OCONEE ) as set forth below:	
RETURN	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR  16-15-140 LEWD ACT A CHILD UNDER 16	
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RETURN WARRANT TO:

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Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 435

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the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Issuing Court:

defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to

Judge's Address \_ 15873 WELLS HWY SENECA SC 29678

888-1460 Judge's Telephone \_

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ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA		S.C. Attorney General
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA		affiant SCOTT SORENSON	
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HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE	I further state that there is probable	e cause to believe that the defenda	ant named above did commit
Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD	the crime set forth and that probable cause		
SENECA, SC 29678	IN THAT THE DEFENDANT DID BE	ETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 27,	
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Signature of Judge	on	defendant HARPER MICHAEL	EARLE
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the affiant SCOTT SORENSON who
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OCONEE COUNTY	did within this county and state on $\frac{04/27/88-04/26/91}{}$ violate the criminal laws of the
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THE STATE	in the following particulars:
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HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD	the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:
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Phone: 2 SSN:	A NOW 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY COMMIT THE OFFENSE
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DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#:	THE DEFENDANT LIVED IN CLOSED PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM AND OVER THE COURSE
Prosecuting Agency:	OF THIS TIME SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THE VICTIM AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE
Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER	LOCATED AT 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD, SENECA, SC ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS. THIS
Offense: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT. 2ND	BEING A VIOLATION OF S.C. CODE OF LAWS.
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	Signature of Affiant
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